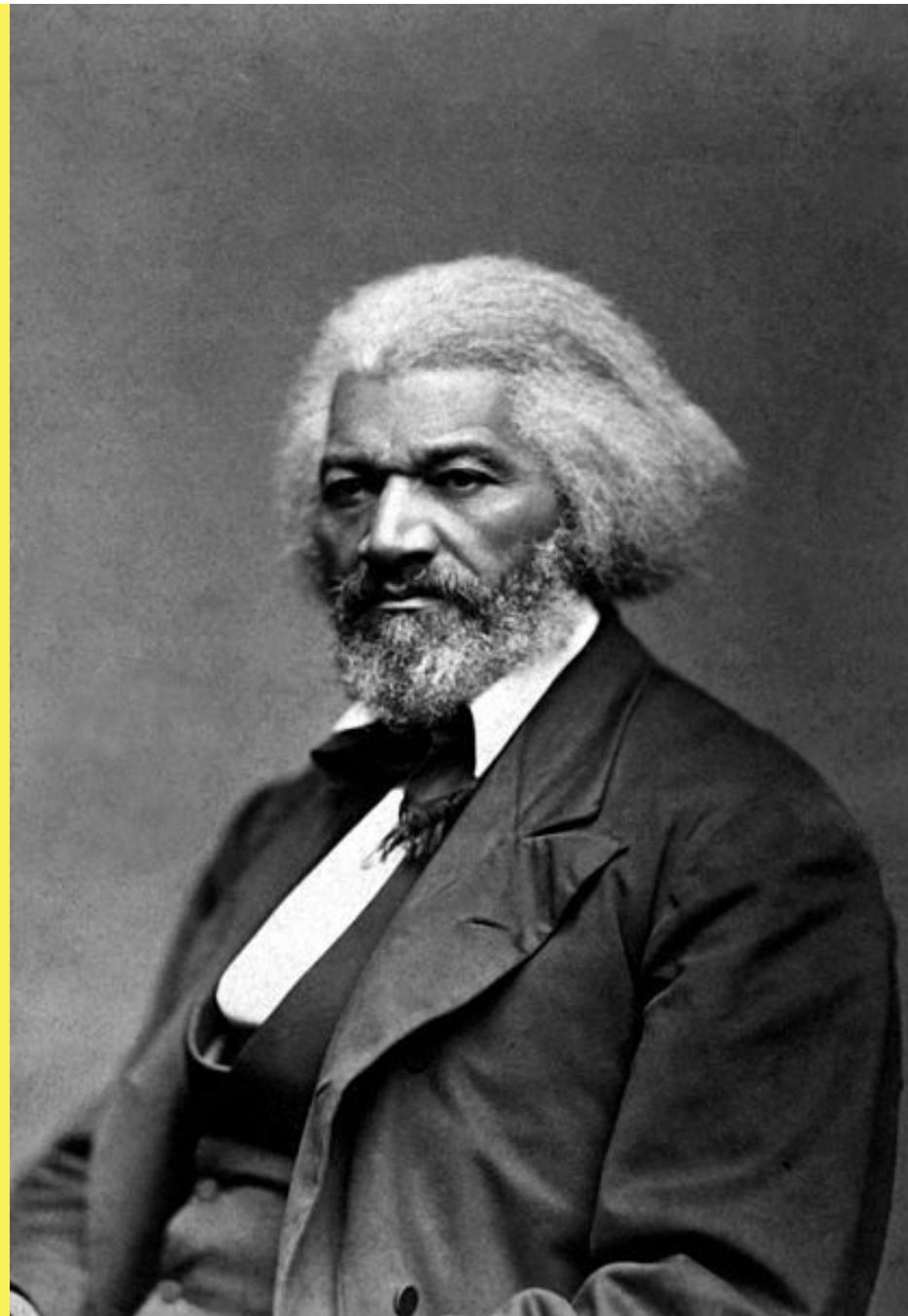


From a Slave to A FreeMan

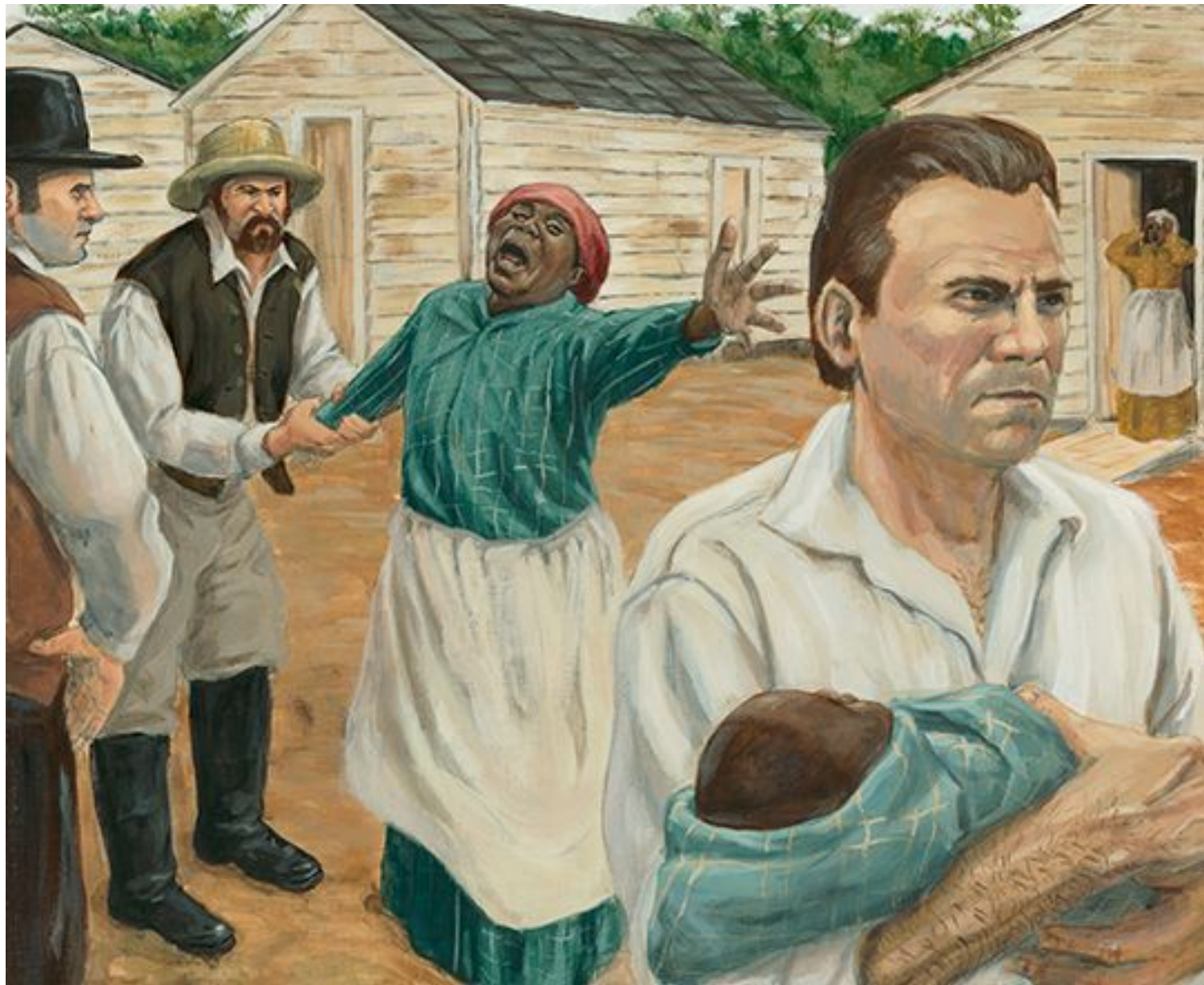
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Frederick Douglass was born in Tuckahoe, Maryland. Douglass grew up without knowing his age or birthday. That type of information was kept from the enslaved.



Douglass was taken from his mother as an infant, just to see her son, Harriet had to sneak out from her *plantation* at night. Douglass barely seen his mother. His mother was lucky she didn't get caught.



Later, when Douglass was 7 years old his mother died and he only saw her 4 or 5 times before that. She died of illness and Douglass wasn't able to go to her *burial*. After his mother's death he was sent to live with Colonel Lloyd.



At Colonel Lloyd's the enslaved allowances were very little. They received little food and few clothing. The enslaved also had no bed to sleep on and barely time to sleep, they were to busy preparing for work for the next day.



When Douglass was sent to live with the Auld's his mistress Mrs. Auld was a gentle and kind woman. She taught Douglass his ABC's and how to read and write.



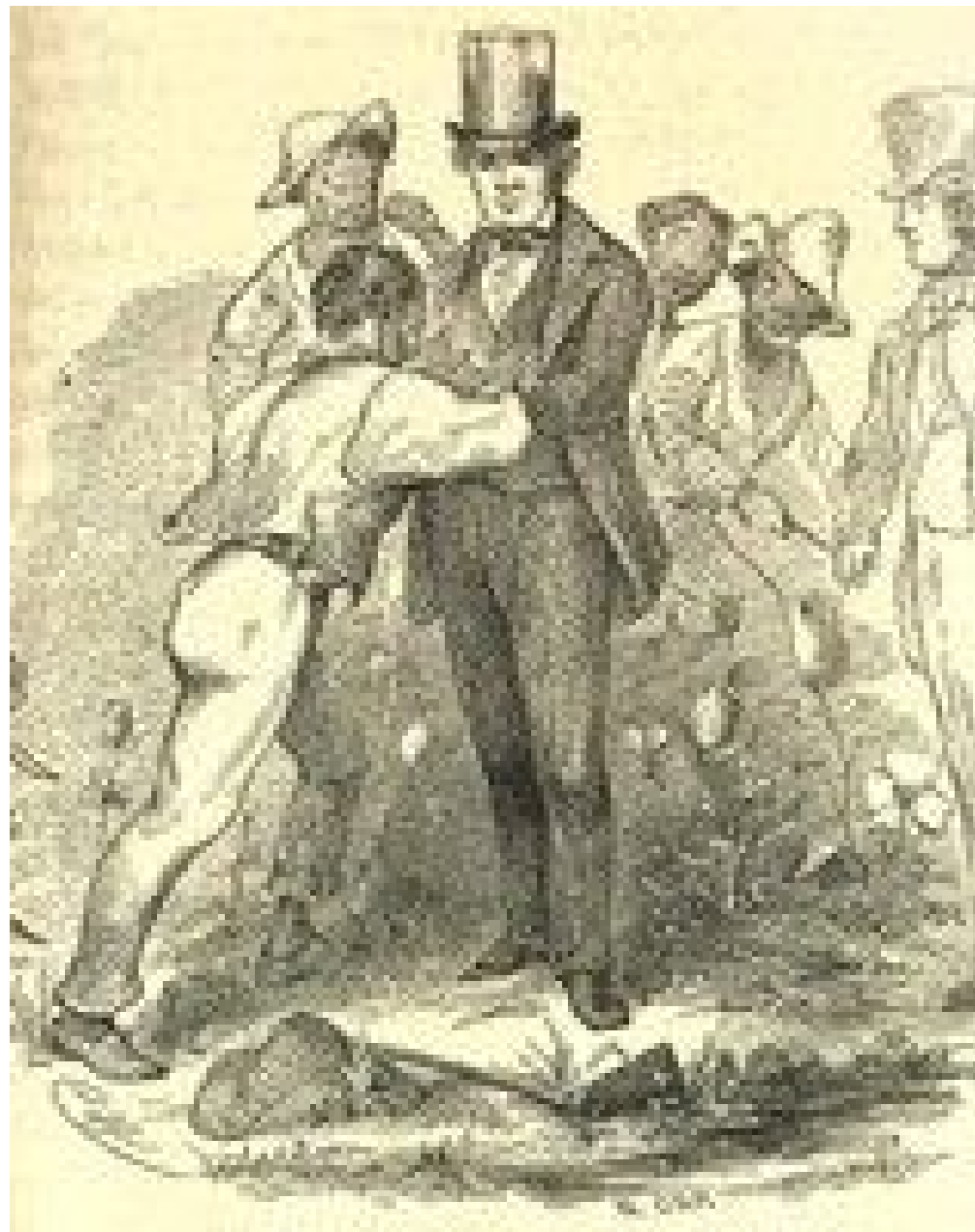
Mr. Auld on the other hand, wasn't as nice as Mrs. Auld. Mr. Auld *forbade* Mrs. Auld to teach Douglass. He said it would make him unfit to be a slave.



After that, Mrs. Auld turned from good to evil. Mr. Auld said that teaching an enslaved person was unlawful or against the law. She took what Mr. Auld said into *consideration* and it changed the way she viewed things.



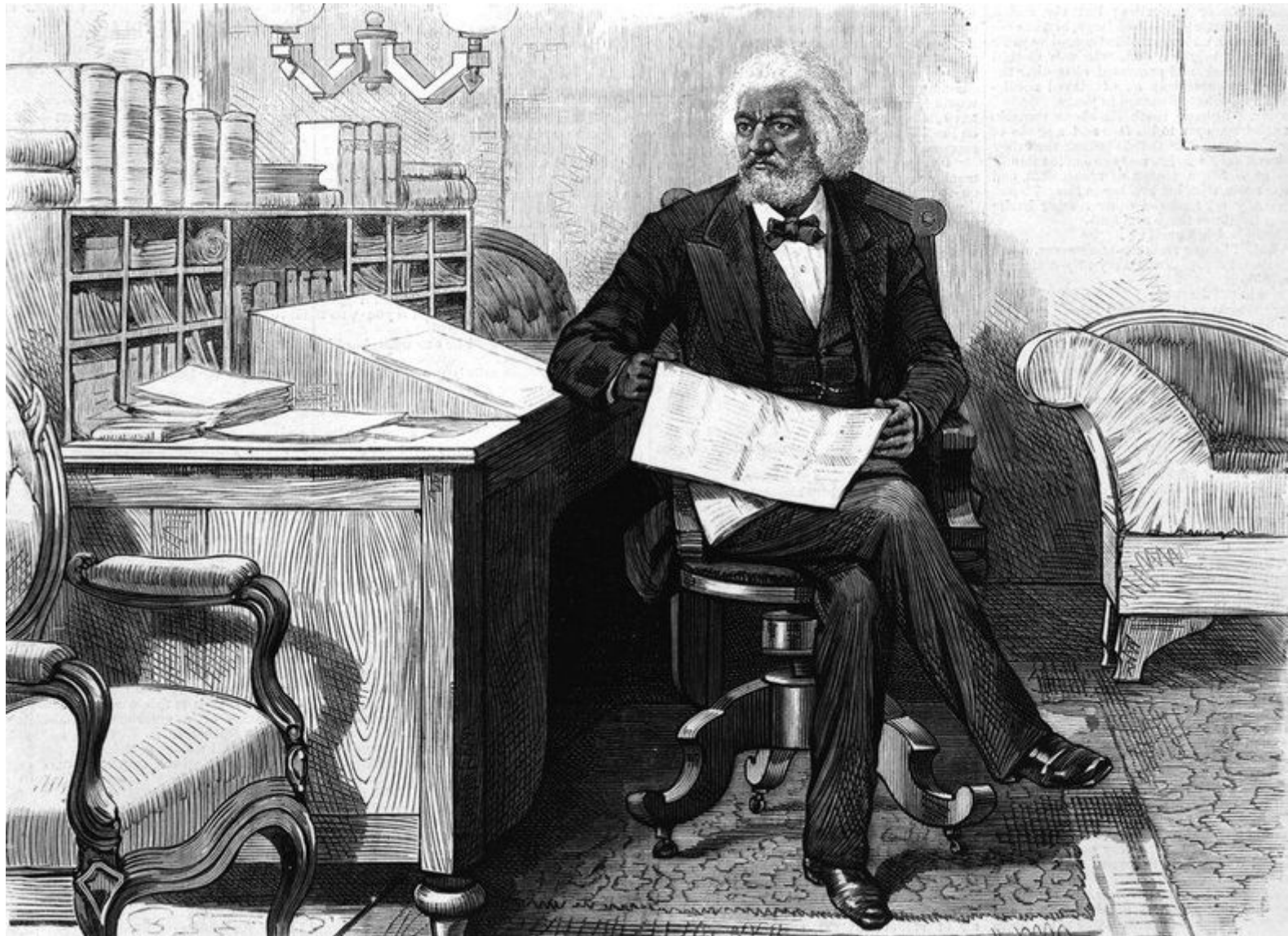
Mr. Auld sent Douglass
to Covey's for a year.
Just the first 6 months
over there, Douglass
was different than the
other enslaved people.
He was harder to
control.



Douglass was really awkward and funny acting which caused Covey to whip him often. Eventually, Douglass got tired of it and finally fought back.

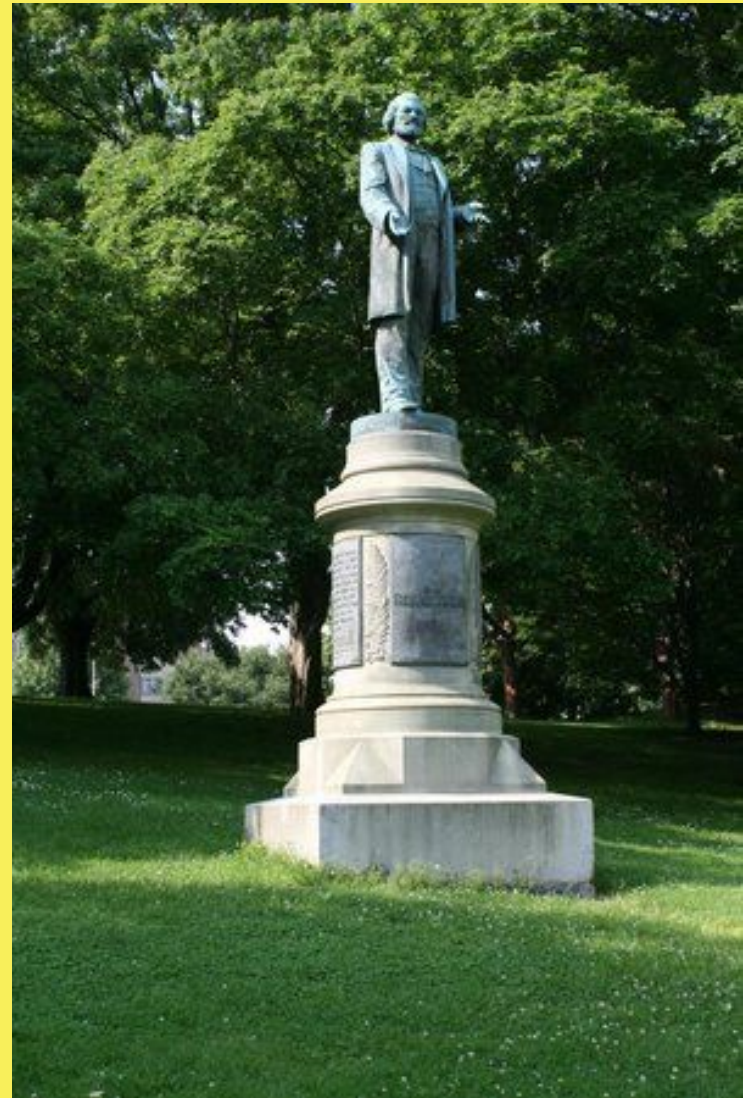


After the fight with Covey, Covey gained respect for Douglass and never attempted to whip him again. He was too scared to try. Douglass went on with his journey to learn to read and escape slavery.



Resolution

On September 3, 1838 Frederick Douglass escapes from slavery. He traveled by train and boat north. Douglass soon went on to publish his own autobiography the North Star newspaper and gave many speeches *opposing* slavery. Not too soon Douglass got married and had kids. On February 20, 1895 Frederick Douglass died and was buried in Rochester, NY.



Memorable Quotes

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

"Without a struggle, there can be no progress."

"The white man's happiness cannot be purchased by the black man's misery"

~Frederick Douglass

Glossary

Burial ~ Funeral

Mistress ~ A woman in control

Plantation ~ Large farm

Forbade ~ To block or to ban

Consideration ~ To take into
thought

Oppose ~ Rival



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